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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the restriction requirement dated December 14, 2000, applicant hereby elects the claims designated group I (claims 1-17) with traverse.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement. Applicant asserts that it would not be unduly burdensome to search and examine the additional claims, particularly those of group II (claims 18-19).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees in connection with the processing of this application to deposit account no. 03-3125.

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